mination tests and abortion being displayed widely in various important cities including Delhi and Bombay ;

(b) whether such advertisements are illegal under the Drugs and Magic Remedies (Objectionable Advertisements) Act, 1954 ; and

(c) if so, whether any action has been taken against such advertisers, and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES AND THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) The Government is aware of advertisements relating to sex determination tests and those relating to abortions appearing in newspapers or displayed on hoardings.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Multi Crore Programme for Polio Rehabilitation

*378. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be please to state :

(a) whether Government have recently announced a multi-crore programme for polio rehabilitation in the country ;

(b) whether there are already large number of polio rehabilitation Centres using traditional systems of medicine (Ayurveda and Siddha) which are considered highly successful; and

(c) whether in view of the above Government propose to introduce a rationalise and integrated system of rehabilitation incorporating the best of the traditional and allopathic sytems of rehabilitation ?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES AND THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) to (c) According to the information provided by the Ministry of Welfare, which administers the Rehabilitation Programme for the physically handicapped, including the Polio affected persons, no announcement of a multi- crore Polio Rehabilitation Programme in the country was made by that Ministry. That Ministry implements the general programme of rehabilitation for the physically handicapped persons. Grants are given by that Ministry to various organisations for carrying out rehabilitation activities. During the year 1988-89, the Ministry of Welfare gave a grant of Rs. one crore to the State of Tamil Nadu for rehabilitation of Poilio affected persons in addition to the other grants for the on-going schemes of rehabilitation of physically handicapped persons.

The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare is not administering any Polio Rehabilitation Centres based on the traditional systems of medicine. The question of administering integrated Polio Rehabilitation Centres based on traditional and modern systems of medicines, therefore, does not arise.

Super Computer for Monsoon Research

*379. SHRI ARANGIL SREEDHARAN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have recently placed a letter of intent on a foreign firm for the supply of a Super Computer required for Monsoon research in the country ;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the total number of such computers to be imported ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN) : (a) to (c) India has not placed a letter of intent recently on any foreign firm for supply of a Super Computor. However, earlier in 1986, India had placed a letter of intent on a foreign firm for the supply of super computer required by the Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore for application in the areas of crystallography, computer science, biological engineering, monsoon research etc.

India has already acquired a super computer for the use in weather forecasting and acquisition of one more super computer for Indian Institute of Science is visualised.

Setting up of Software Cities

*380. SHRI BAIKUNTHA NATH SAHU : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the number of cities which have been declared as software cities in the country ;

(b) whether there is any proposal to declare Bhubaneshwar as a software city ;

(c) if so, the steps taken to implement the proposal; and

(d) what progress has been made in that direction ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K.R. NARAYANAN) : (a) and (b) It has been decided to promote software Technology activities at Bhubaneshwar, Pune and Bangalore including setting up of software Technology Parks.

(c) and (d) The following steps have been taken for the promotion of software Technology activities at Bhubneshwar :—

(i) A proposal prepared for setting up a Software Technology Park at Bhubaneshwar, is being processed.

(ii) The National Informatics Centre (NIC) under the Planning Commission has installed a very large mainframe computer in Bhubaneshwar for Government informatics for the eastern region.

Threat to Health Especially of Younger Generation due to various New Food Fads

@3045. SHRI N. E. BALARAM : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there is serious threat to health specially of younger generation due to various new foods fads including junk foods, food additives, pesticides in food and irradiated foods and if so, how these are proposed to be tackled ;

(b) whether it is a fact that the above additives/processing lead to various ailments including Carcinoma ; and

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